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AMENDMENT MEMO



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The Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers a dual enrollment credential grant program that awards grants to support dual enrollment programs, which are programs allowing students to earn post-secondary credit by taking courses taught in high school. The grants are awarded to assist high school teachers with tuition expenses for taking courses they need to obtain qualifications required to teach dual enrollment courses. Current law prohibits HEAB from awarding grants under the program after June 30, 2021. Senate Bill 833 eliminates the sunset date for awarding grants under the dual enrollment program. This will allow HEAB to issue grants from funds that were already appropriated in the 2021-23 biennial budget.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes a change to the Early College Credit Program (ECCP), a statutory program that allows eligible high school students to earn post-secondary and high school credits through courses taught at post-secondary institutions. ECCP provides students access to courses and credits at University of Wisconsin System institutions, tribal colleges, and private, nonprofit institutions.

The statute establishing the ECCP refers to participation by public and private school students participating in the program and mentions school boards and governing bodies of private schools, but does not refer to governing bodies of independent charter schools.

Senate Amendment 1 adds references to independent charter school governing boards throughout the ECCP statute. This change clarifies that high school students attending independent charter schools are also eligible to participate in the ECCP.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Kooyenga on February 10, 2022. On February 22, 2022, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended on a vote of Ayes, 33; Noes, 0.

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